

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments after final rejection as narrowing the issues and presenting the claims in condition for allowance is respectfully solicited. The foregoing amendments after final rejection have not been earlier presented because of the allowed claims.

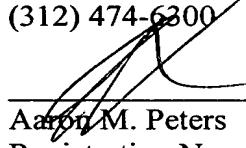
Claims 7-11, 13-17 and 19-29 are pending and at issue in the application with claims 7, 13 and 19 being independent claims. Claims 25-29 have been added. Claims 1-6, 12 and 18 have been canceled. As a result, three independent claims now exist in the application as previously paid for, and 21 total claims exist in the application as previously paid for. The applicants believe no additional fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the amount enclosed or any additional fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 to deposit account number 13- 2855. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the remarks below is respectfully requested.

Claims 7-11, 13-17 and 19-24 are allowed and claims 1-6, 12 and 18 are rejected as unpatentable over PRIOR ART (identified as Fig. 4 of the application) in view of Kaeriyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6, 150, 214). The applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 7-11, 13-17 and 19-24. New claims 24-29 have been added and depend from allowed claim 7. Claims 1-6, 12 and 18 have been canceled, leaving allowed claims 7-11, 13-17 and 19-29 pending. As such, the applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the art of record and allowable as indicated in the Office action. In light of the foregoing, the prompt issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the examiner have any questions, the examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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